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Your issue fee payment filed on 12/30/03 has been received. However, new patent fees went into effect on October 01, 2003. The final rule entitled "Revision of Patent Fees for Fiscal Year 2004" was published in the *Federal Register*/Vol.68, No. 134/Monday, July 14, 2003, [41532-41535] and in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office *Official Gazette*, August 05, 2003 [1273 OG]. As stated in the final rule, "Any fee amount that is paid on or after the effective date of the fee increase will be subject to the new fees then in effect." The Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due (Form PTOL-85) that was mailed to you prior too October 1, 2003, stated an issue fee amount that was in effect prior to October 1, 2003. However, in as much as your issue fee was paid on or after October 1, 2003, the new issue fee amount was due.

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| DESIGN | \$480.00 / \$240.00 | \$ | \$ |
| PLANT | \$640.00 / \$320.00 | \$ | \$ |

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